

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1235 – HB 1154

March 13, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Establishes an appropriation limitation task force composed of the Comptroller of the Treasury, the State Treasurer, the Commissioner of the Department of Finance and Administration, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the House Finance Ways and Means Committee. Requires the task force to study: the “Copeland Cap”, the statutory method for estimating economic growth in the state; alternative methods to such estimation; trends that have resulted in appropriations exceeding growth in recent years; and best practices of other states. Requires the task force to complete a report including findings and recommendations by February 1, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004567): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the State Funding Board to: study the “Copeland Cap”, the statutory method for estimating economic growth in the state; study alternative methods to such estimation; identify methods used in other states; and recommend statutory and other revisions to clarify, modify, or reform current practice related to spending limitations and accountability of elected officials for actions that result in exceeding the current limitations and boundaries on spending. Requires the State Funding Board to complete a report and present findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by February 1, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The study can be accomplished utilizing existing state resources. Any administrative expense associated with providing the report is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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